

February 2025 Newsletter

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## **Art in the Library!**

Happy Groundhogs Day....again. Don't hide in your burrow and miss our February artist, Kirsten Sneath, hosting our First Friday art walk reception, Friday, February 7, 5-7PM in the library meeting room. Kirsten's work includes acrylic and watercolor paintings featuring animals and birds and examples are below.....



**Hummingbird and Poppies - Acrylic on canvas**



**Otter on a Boat - Acrylic on canvas**

Kirsten describes her work:

"Thank you for visiting! I hope you enjoy my artwork. I am a painter and mum of two from the UK. I have lived in the USA for about 18 years, previously in Oregon, now on Bainbridge Island since 2018. I live here with my husband, two children, and our dog Paisley. My son is a Senior at BHS and my daughter is a sophomore at EHHS. We are loving Island life! I feel so very lucky to be living here. The local wildlife and beautiful scenery are so inspiring every day.

I always loved art at school, but I left it behind after leaving University and entering the world of work. Drawing and painting became a thing I once did. However, when my kids became more independent, I found myself wanting to create and fill my time with something for me.

I love to paint animals, birds and flowers in acrylic and watercolor. Painting is a form of therapy for me. I am able to escape for a while and immerse myself in my art while listening to my favorite music. I try to use my own photographs as inspiration as much as I can. I also like to create art using sea glass found on local beaches and I like to try new mediums and subjects to challenge myself from time to time. I have painted many pet portraits over the last few years, dogs, cats and even a couple of guinea pigs. My website has some examples if you'd like to check them out. I am open to commissions so feel free to contact me if you are

interested."

You can view this exhibit during the month of February during regular library hours (unless a meeting happens).

Art is for sale by the Artists with a portion of proceeds donated back to the library. As always, thank you for supporting local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

## Coming Soon! Get Your Tickets!



And  
present



**BOOK  
LOVERS  
DAY OUT!**

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

11:00am to 1:00pm

Event is free, but tickets required  
Space is Limited So Don't Delay!  
See scan/link below



**Treats! Prizes! Books Available for Purchase!**



AT  
**BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

**1270 MADISON AVE N**  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

206-451-5050

Our annual booklovers event is back! Penguin Random House Publishing Reps Katie Mehan and Colleen Conway Ramos reveal their lists of recently released books that your community book group will want to read.

Scan here for eventbrite tickets



or use link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presented-by-eagle-harbor-books-bainbridge-public-library-tickets-1086529943309?aff=oddtcreator>

From 11 am until 1 pm on Sunday, February 9th Bainbridge Public Library and Eagle Harbor Book Company will host the second joint celebration of local book clubs in the meeting room of the library. The event will include presentations from publisher's representatives, drawings for books and swag, light refreshments, and books for purchase from Eagle Harbor. This will be a free ticketed event. Seating is limited. If you are a member of a book group or would like more information about joining a book groups [click here for a ticket to attend this event.](#)

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## Facilities Report

### WHAT'S UP WITH FACILITIES?

Without a lot to report on this month, we simply invite you and your family to drop by your FAVORITE library (ours too! 😊) and discover your next great adventure! Story and picture books for youngsters! Books for teens. Adult fiction and non-fiction. Magazines of all sorts. Local, regional, and national newspapers. Music CDs. All kinds of DVDs, for all ages! Access to the Internet via free library computers or bring your own device and connect to the Internet via the free (FREE!) WIFI!

And did I mention Programs? Storytime for little ones. Craft projects for tweeners. Study rooms for student's group projects. Informative speaker presentations for adults. Movies!

Here are a few recent pictures to remind you of why you love, visit, and SUPPORT Bainbridge Public Library, the library the good, generous, forward-looking folks of this island raised money for and built in 1962. It's been a bustling hub of community life ever since!

### ON THE OUTSIDE

Sidewalk, bike lane, and ingress/egress close to completion!



"Come on In! There's a world of adventure waiting for you!"



Fabulous gardens to sooth your soul

Kids and parents, "Step right this way!"



### AND ON THE INSIDE

Magical fish and colorful nooks greet



Also downstairs, the Friends of the Library hold book sales to support BPL



A separate, enclosed Teen Room on the main floor gives them their own space to be... well, teens!



A light, spacious and comfy Non-Fiction area upstairs

A Fiction area that's complete with an artist's interpretation of indigenous canoes hanging from the ceiling



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

## A Quote for Book Lovers

**Let us read and let us dance – two amusements that will never do any harm to the world.**  
~ Voltaire (1694-1778)



## GREAT DECISIONS AT THE LIBRARY 2025

Foreign Affairs Discussion Series  
at the  
Bainbridge Public Library  
Free!

To Subscribe or resubscribe to the Library U emails about programs such as Great Decisions, click [here](#).

We've selected five of this year's eight Great Decisions topics for in-person discussions at the Bainbridge Public Library. Number five will be announced soon.

**February 2, 2025 | 2PM - 3:30PM | Free. Light refreshments. Donations appreciated.**



**American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads  
Moderator: Historian and journalist Daniel Bessner**

This program will explore the contours of the U.S. foreign policy debate as it plays out in a world of multiple and escalating crises and domestic polarization.

Moderator: Historian and journalist Daniel Bessner is currently the Anne H. H. and Kenneth B. Pyle Associate Professor in American Foreign Policy at the U.W. Jackson School of International Studies. He previously held the Joff Hanauer Honors Professorship in Western Civilization and is also a Non-Resident Fellow at the Quincy Institute of Responsible Statecraft, an Associate of the Alameda Institute, and a Contributing Editor at Jacobin. In 2019-2020, he served as a foreign policy advisor to Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign; in 2024, for unclear reasons, the Russian government sanctioned him. (Joining us via Zoom.)

Suggested Readings:

[What Trump's Win Means for the World's Most Pressing Problems.](#)

Washington Post, Nov. 9, 2024.

[The American Global Order Could End.](#) The Atlantic Nov. 9, 2024.

[Transition 2025: Events Will Test Donald Trump's Foreign Policy Promises.](#)

Council on Foreign Relations, Dec. 13, 2024.

**February 9, 2025 | 2PM - 3:30PM | Free. Light refreshments. Donations appreciated.  
After Gaza: American Foreign Policy in the Middle East**

**Moderator: David Fenner, affiliate professor of Islam and Middle Eastern studies at the U.W. Jackson School of International Studies**

The war in Gaza has brought the region to a crossroads. What are the possible outcomes of the war, and how might the United States use its influence to shape a long-term settlement that leaves both Israel and the

Palestinians in a better position? How might Arab states in the wider region be brought into a settlement? What are America's interests in the Middle East and how can it advance them?

**March 9, 2025, | 2PM - 3:30PM | Free. Light refreshments. Donations appreciated.**  
**The Future of NATO and European Security**  
**Moderator: John Koenig, retired Deputy Permanent Representative to the U.S. Mission at NATO**

European security is more uncertain than it has been for decades. Putin's Russia has launched a war with Ukraine on its doorstep, and America's uncertain role as leader of NATO and security provider has been called into question with the failure of Congress to pass supplemental military support for Ukraine. What are Europe's options, and how might developments on both sides of Western Europe - in Ukraine and across the Atlantic - impact its choices? What are America's stakes in NATO and Europe's strategic dilemmas?

**March 16, 2025, | 2PM - 3:30PM | Free. Light refreshments. Donations appreciated.**  
**India: Between China, the West, and the Global South**  
**Moderator: Sunila Kale, professor of South Asia Studies and International Affairs at the U.W. Jackson School of International Studies**

India is an emerging major power in world affairs, occupying a pivotal position between China, the United States, and the Global South. Its population size, economy, and geopolitical location ensure that it will be an influential voice in debates and political struggles over global order. What are India's choices and opportunities for regional and global leadership? How will it maneuver between China and the United States, and what is its role as a voice of the Global South? What opportunities exist for Washington to work with India?

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**With Each Leaf, a Promise and an Inspiration**



Just as tree roots embed themselves in our garden, sustaining life, nurturing growth--the leaves on our Legacy Tree hold out the promise that Bainbridge Public Library will endure into the future. Each leaf represents the pledge of a gift to the BPL from an estate. Each leaf signifies a love of community and the belief that libraries matter.

**Please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. If you would like more information about making a legacy gift leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at [legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). Or visit the BPL website, [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to download a Donor Intention Form. We'd be pleased to thank and honor you now!**

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**Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund  
Honoring Special People**



Created by Island artist Dick Strom and erected by volunteers from BPL's Facilities and Garden Committee, the metalwork mural is located near the Legacy Tree on the south side of the library building. Nameplates below the mural will recognize honorees in whose names gifts were made to the fund. The minimum donation for a nameplate is \$500.

For information about making contributions to the BPL Garden Fund, visit our website at [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) or leave a contact number at 206-866-1250 (message line).

**Thank you for your continued support of our community's library home.**



Ten-Minute Play Festival \* 2025



**Call for Submissions!**

All Kitsap Playwrights: **Deadline: February 14, 2025**  
[www.islandtheatre.org](http://www.islandtheatre.org)

'25 Theme:  
**Escape!**

Island Theatre is now accepting submissions of ten-minute plays for our 2025 Ten-Minute Play Festival! Submission deadline is February 14, 2025. The theme for the 2025 Festival is ESCAPE. What does ESCAPE suggest to you? Is it an escape from. . . or an escape to? Is it a physical escape. . . or an escape in which one never takes a physical step? Is it bold or surreptitious? Sudden or long planned? An act of choiceless desperation or one of powerful self-assertion? Is "escape" the beginning of the story or the end? Or is it the pivot point that dramatically changes the action? What you make of ESCAPE is up to you – just make sure it's central to your story.

The competition is open to all Kitsap County playwrights – experienced and aspiring – high school age and above. To be a "Kitsap County playwright" means you currently live or work in Kitsap County, or you lived or worked here for a substantial period in the past. The plays will be chosen from all the submissions by a panel of theatre professionals and the Island Theatre board of directors and announced in April. The chosen plays will be produced in four fully staged performances at the Buxton Center for the Arts on Bainbridge Island during Island Theatre's Ten-Minute Play Festival in August 2025.

**For more information and submission guidelines, go to [www.IslandTheatre.org](http://www.IslandTheatre.org).**

**About Island Theatre.** Island Theatre provides high-quality theater in intimate settings for adults who like to think. Our regular schedule includes Island Theatre at the Library (script-in-hand performances at the Bainbridge Public Library); Island Theatre at Your House (YoHo) (potluck play-readings in private homes at which guests are welcome to read a part); and the annual Island Theatre Ten-Minute Play Festival. Run entirely by volunteers, Island Theatre is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization supported by donations, the Bainbridge Community Foundation, the City of Bainbridge Island Cultural Fund, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, and One Call for All. More information is at [www.IslandTheatre.org](http://www.IslandTheatre.org).

## Have You Seen This Library?



One of the longtime institutions lost to the Palisades fire was Palisades Branch Library, located at 861 Alma Real Drive.

“Those of us from Pacific Palisades are still attempting to fathom the tremendous destruction that’s occurred in our beloved hometown,” President of Friends of the Palisades Library Laura Schneider wrote to community members on Wednesday, January 15. “The loss of so many homes, businesses, and community institutions, such as our beautiful branch library, is beyond our ability to comprehend. But as we deal with the shock of losing so much, we will move forward with the confidence that we will rebuild our lives and our community for the better.”

The board of the Friends of Palisades Library—also known as Pacific Palisades Library Association—met on January 14.

“The board of the all-volunteer Pacific Palisades Library Association—half of whom have lost their own homes in the fires—met yesterday and agreed that given the enormity of the loss our patrons have suffered, now is not the time to be asking you to contribute to our Pacific Palisades Library Association,” Schneider wrote. “However, since so many of you have asked, please know that the best way to keep your resources in our community is to visit our website. But please know that while your support is appreciated, right now our highest priority is your safety and well-being.”

“We will rebuild our beloved library, and we will work with every organization that we can—the Los Angeles Public Library, the Library Foundation and our local community stakeholders—to help restore the heart of our community,” Schneider continued.

The history of the Palisades library dates to 1929, when the Los Angeles Public Library established limited library services in the Palisades, with a

deposit station on Antioch Street, before establishing a public branch library in 1952.

“The community embraced this extraordinary addition, but the popularity of the library created a need for an even larger facility,” LAPL wrote in a post shared across social media. “In the 1990s, the Pacific Palisades community launched a fundraising campaign in addition to supporting a citywide library bond ... which led to the expansion of the Palisades Branch Library.”

In 1963, Palisades Branch Library opened its Alma Real Drive doors. LAPL established a larger, new library building in the Palisades in 2003—a home to several books, media and special collections sprawled across 11,500 square feet.

Palisades Branch Library often hosts community events and workshops, inviting Palisadians to book discussions, movie screenings, meditation practices and more.

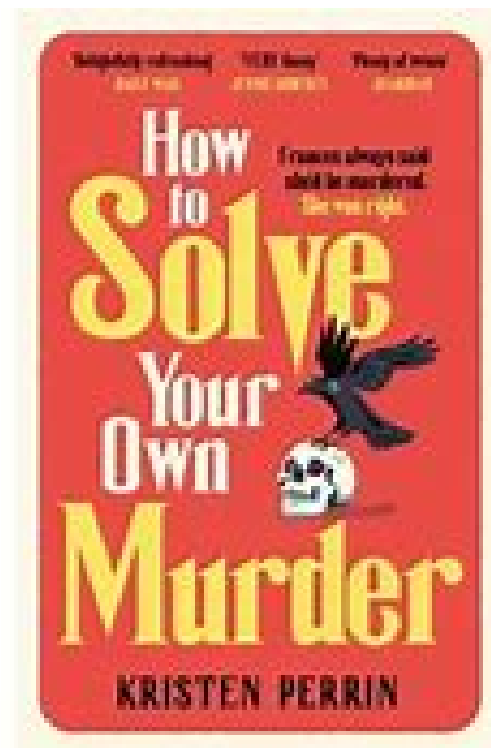
“The Palisades Library is at the very heart of our community,” according to the Friends, “and the Friends of the Library has been the primary means of support for the programs that have added so much to the civic life of Pacific Palisades.”

For more information and to stay up to date with the library, visit [friendsofpalilibrary.org/Join-Friends.htm](http://friendsofpalilibrary.org/Join-Friends.htm).

If you have photos of Libraries or Museums or Bookstores you would like to share, please email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun).

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## Books Worth Sharing



### **How to Solve Your Own Murder** *By Kristen Perrin*

In 1965, Frances Adams gets a life altering fortune while at an English country fair with her best friends: One day Frances will be murdered. She spends the rest of her life compiling potential evidence on everyone who crosses her path in an attempt to solve her anticipated murder. No one takes

her seriously until she is found murdered sixty years later, like she always said she would be!  
Fast forward, and her great niece, Annie Adams is summoned to Frances' sprawling estate for the reading of Frances' will. Annie will inherit the entire estate if she can solve her great aunt's murder in one week. She has mountains of potential evidence on nearly everyone in the community. Can she unravel the dark mystery at the heart of Frances life, or will dredging up the past cause the murderer to go after her and her potential inheritance? If you loved *Knives Out* and the *Thursday Murder Club*, you will love this enormously fun and clever mystery. Imagine spending your whole life trying to catch your potential killer!

~ Susan Braun



BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media and other fund raising and marketing activities. If you have skills in Facebook, Instagram, fund raising or other marketing areas and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact the library at [ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

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## Friends of the Library

# Book Sale



Friends of the Library book sales will be on:

**Thursday, February 6, from 12-4; Sunday, February 16, from 12-4;  
Thursday, February 27, from 12-4.**

To see future sale dates and times check our website at <https://www.bifriends.org> Books are plentiful, and the sale is a great way to support the library. If you have any questions, please sent us a message at [books4all@bifriends.org](mailto:books4all@bifriends.org).

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean,

undamaged-saleable condition during open library hours. (Damaged books must be recycled at our expense) Small quantities can be left in bins behind the hold shelves on the main floor. Larger quantities should be left inside the Friends door adjacent to the Children's library downstairs. There is a hand truck available. For questions about donations please send us an email. Please do not leave books outside or in the library drop box or request help from the library staff.

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## Useful Community Links



As a community service for our newsletter readers, we are introducing a list of links to important local resources. We invite our readers to send us additional links to include in this list. If you have a link that you would like to suggest for inclusion, send it to [susangb01@aol.com](mailto:susangb01@aol.com).

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Native Food Forest Field Guide](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)
- [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
- [BARN \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Bloedel Reserve](#)
- [Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Helpline House of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Housing Resources Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#)
- [PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap](#)
- [Raising Resilience](#)
- [Sustainable Bainbridge](#)

But wait! There's more! Do you know about [Bainbridge Island Resource Directory \(BIRD\)](#)? It is another great source for valuable community resources!

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## A Special Partnership

- **Bainbridge Public Library**, a separate nonprofit organization, owns, operates, and maintains the Library building and grounds through community donations and grants.
- **Kitsap Regional Library** provides the library staff, collection, classes, and a virtual library at [KRL.org](http://KRL.org) with funding from property tax revenues.
- **Together** we provide the quality library our community wants and has come to expect.



*"A library is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival—a cathedral of the mind; hospital of the soul; theme park of the imagination." ~ Caitlin Moran*

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